U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Gateway to adventure on eleven national wildlife refuges and a national fish hatchery in eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia. Stop in before you head out!

Discover what lies in the wilds of coastal North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

Free admission!

Exhibits Hall

- Lifelike dioramas bring nature up close and personal
- Interactive exhibits educate and engage
- Historic re-creations bring the past to life!
- State-of-the-art audio-visual productions entertain and amaze
- Year-round rotating wildlife art expo

Other Features

- Landscaped using all eastern NC native plants with low-maintenance design
- Excellent examples of "green" living in the LEED-certified facility
- 130-seat auditorium / educational classroom / outdoor exhibits
- Administrative offices for Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges

Future Plans

- Walking and bicycle trails
- Educational pavilion
- Prescribed fire demonstration area showing one, two, and three-year-old burns
- Butterfly/pollination gardens
- Wind energy and rain barrel demonstration sites

Contact Information

National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center P. O. Box 1969 (mailing) 100 Conservation Way (physical) Manteo, NC 27954

Phone: 252/473 1131 Fax: 252/473 1668 Email: alligatorriver@fws.gov

Hours of Operation

9 am – 4 pm Monday - Saturday 12 noon - 4 pm on Sunday except Thanksgiving and Christmas

The Visitor Center is staffed by volunteers and may be closed if/when volunteers are not available.

Visit your local National Wildlife Refuges!

Drop by the National Wildlife

Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke

Island for a taste of the wild. Then

plan your own private adventures

to examine and explore the diverse

habitats and critters of eastern

North Carolina and southeastern

Virginia!



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Map#	Refuge/Hatchery	Where to Go?	
1	National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center http://www.fws.gov/ncgatewayvc	100 Conservation Way, Manteo, NC 27954	
2	Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge 252/473 1131 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/alligator_river	Creef Cut Trail/Wildlife Drive 35.863837 N 75.860837 W	Buffalo City Launch / Sandy Ridge Trail 35.837839 N 75.919205 W
3	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge 252/987 2394 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/pea_island	Visitor Center / North Pond Wildlife Trail 35.716650 N 75.493481 W (4 miles south of Oregon Inlet on NC Hwy 12)	New Inlet Launch / Sound Access 35.675206 N 75.480730 W (7 miles south of Oregon Inlet on NC Hwy 12)
4	Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge 252/796 3004 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/pocosin_lakes	Visitor Center 205 South Ludington Drive, Columbia, NC 27925	Pungo Unit Kiosk 35.657909 N 76.591449 W
5	Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge 252/794 3808 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/roanoke_river	Refuge Headquarters 114 West Water Street, Windsor, NC 27983	Kuralt Kiosk 35.87822N 77.02731W
6	Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge 252/926 4021 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/mattamuskeet	Refuge Headquarters / Contact Station 85 Mattamuskeet Road, Swanquarter, NC 27885	Lake Landing (crabbing) 35.483982 N 76.078839 W
7	Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge 252/225 2511 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/cedar_island	Refuge Headquarters 879 Lola Road, Cedar Island, NC 28520	
8	Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge 252/926 4021 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/swanquarter	Bell Island Pier Road 35.448657 N 76.368022 W	
9	Currituck National Wildlife Refuge 252/429 3100 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/currituck	Southern Refuge Boundary (no public roads) 36.407570 N 75.831852 W 1.5 miles north of Corolla, NC	
10	Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge 252/429 3100 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/mackay_island	Refuge Headquarters / Contact Station 316 Marsh Causeway, Knotts Island NC 27950	Mackay Island Road Entrance 592 Knotts Island Road, Knotts Island NC 27950
11	Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge 757/986 3705 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_dismal_swamp	Refuge Headquarters / Contact Station 3100 Desert Road Suffolk, VA 23434	Washington Ditch and Boardwalk Trail Washington Ditch Entrance 3100 White Marsh Road, Suffolk, VA 23434
12	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge 757/301 7329 http://www.fws.gov/refuge/back_bay	Visitor Contact Station 4005 Sandpiper Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456	Horn Point Canoe / Kayak Launch 1008 Horn Point Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
13	Edenton National Fish Hatchery 252/482 4118 http://www.fws.gov/edenton	Hatchery and Aquarium 1102 West Queen Street, Edenton, NC 27932	

National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center













Admission is FREE. Spend an hour or a day. Glean your wildlife experience from the many and varied dioramas, interactive exhibits, audio-visual productions, and wildlife replicas. Or accept our invitation to visit your national wildlife refuges in eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia - all within "day-trip" distance of the Outer Banks!





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